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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Georgios Chrysanthakopoulos et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT121368  
Application No.: 10/718,199 Group Art Unit: 2153  
Filed: November 20, 2003  
Title: DECENTRALIZED OPERATING SYSTEM

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

March 29, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special in the above-identified application.

1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
2. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	40	-	40	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	5	-	5	=	0	x	86	=	0
TOTAL									0

B. Payment Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 154629 in the amount of \$130 to cover the petition fee.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Applicants are aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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